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In response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 31-35.

Please amend claims 1-6 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A semiconductor laser device comprising:
- a first cladding layer, which is made of a nitride semiconductor of a first conductivity type and is formed over a substrate;
  - an active layer, which is made of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$  and is formed over the first cladding layer; and
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